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US 113 NORTH/SOUTH STUDY

Millsboro-South Area

Working Group

Meeting No. 1

February 11, 2004



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Agenda

- Working Group Member Self-Introductions Bob Kramer
- Welcome – Purpose & Role of Working Group Mike Simmons / Bob Stickels
- Getting Organized Monroe Hite, III
 - Introduction of Project Team
 - Project Notebook
 - Working Group Calendar
- Introduction of Working Group Guidelines Bob Kramer
- Feedback from Stakeholder Listening Tour and Public Workshops Bob Kramer
- Project Purpose and Need Monroe Hite, III
- Draft Vision, Goals and Objectives Monroe Hite, III
- Land Use Plans and Proposals Faye Lingo / Gary Taylor / Jeff Riegner
- Developing and Evaluating Alternatives Project Team
- DeIDOT Initiatives in Sussex County Mike Simmons
- Study Schedule, Constraint Maps, Next Steps Monroe Hite, III
- Questions and Discussion Working Group
- Next Meeting Bob Kramer

Organizational Chart



Project Notebook

- **Tab 1: Working Group**
- **Tab 2: Project Team**
- **Tab 3: PowerPoint Slides**
- **Tab 4: Listening Tour and Workshops Comments**
- **Tab 5: Draft Vision, Goals and Objectives**
- **Tab 6: Land Use Material**
- **Tab 7: Study Schedule**
- **Tab 8: Reference Documents – Initial Feasibility Study**



Working Group Calendar

■ Date and Time:

- February 11, 2004 5:30 PM
- March 10, 2004 5:30 PM
- April 28, 2004 5:30 PM

- ## ■ Location:
- Millsboro Volunteer Fire
Company Banquet Hall
109 E. State Street
Millsboro, DE 19966
302-934-8359**



Working Group Guidelines

- **How We Treat Each Other**
- **How We Make Recommendations**
- **How We Communicate with Those Outside the Working Group**



Summary of Interviews & Workshops

- Members of the public have extensive and widely divergent ideas
- As a result of the rapid pace of development highway options will become fewer and more expensive
- Extensive development is planned all along US 113
- Development and Transportation need to be better coordinated



Summary of Interviews & Workshops

- Development is way ahead of our highways
- If we don't act now, US 113 could end up with problems like those on Route 1
- Improvements to US 113 should be kept as close to current US 113 as possible
- US 113 should serve the needs of the Delmarva Peninsula
- Balance local, through and resort traffic
- Address impacts on existing businesses



Summary of Interviews & Workshops

- There are serious congestion and safety problems on east-west routes
- Different solutions need to be applied in different locations
- Concerted actions by the towns, Sussex County and DeIDOT will be needed
- The towns and counties want to work closer with DeIDOT to address these issues
- Decide on a plan and stick to it!
- Identify and protect needed rights-of-way



Project Purpose & Need

Purpose:

- To preserve mobility for local residents and businesses
- To accommodate planned residential and economic growth in the area
- To consider highway capacity improvements that would accommodate the anticipated growth in local, seasonal and through traffic

Need

- The January 2003 Sussex County Comprehensive Plan identifies the need to:
 - Increase capacity on US 113
 - Accommodate through and local traffic
 - Assure viability for agriculture
 - Expand travel alternatives, where feasible
 - Improve US 113 as an emergency evacuation route
- The Sussex County Comprehensive Plan identifies the need to improve operating conditions on US 113 in designated areas, including this study area



Overall Goals and Objectives

■ US 113 Study Goals

- To address existing and future transportation needs along US 113 while preserving environmental and historic resources and accommodating planned residential and economic growth
- To determine how to convert US 113 to a limited access highway
- To preserve as much of the existing US 113 north/south corridor in Sussex County as feasibly possible

■ US 113 Study Objectives

- To conduct the study in accordance with federal and state regulations
- To coordinate with Sussex and Kent Counties and the municipalities throughout the study process
- To keep the public informed about the US 113 North/South Study



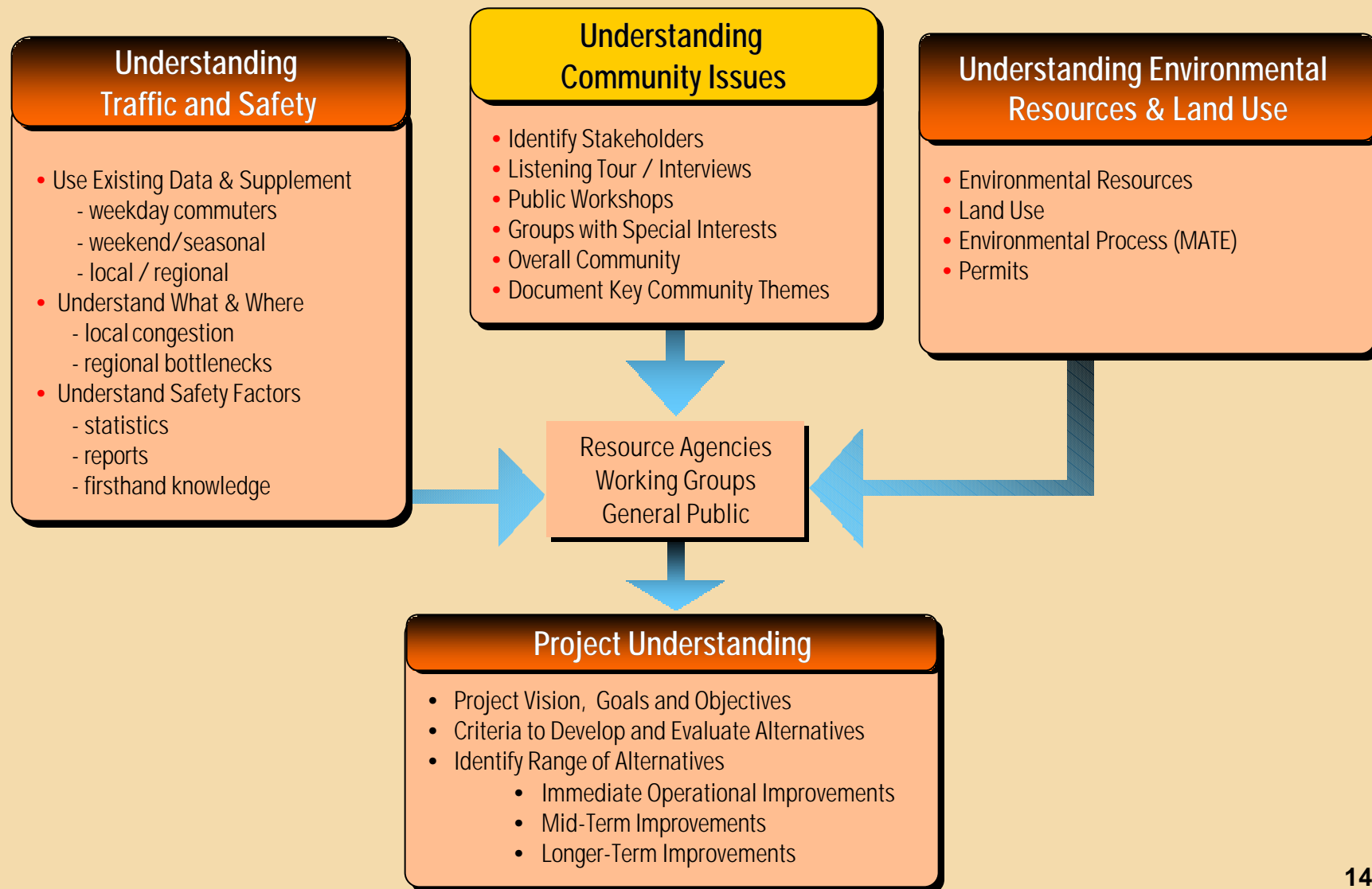
Draft - Vision, Goals and Objectives

Millsboro-South Area

- **Vision = Desired Future**
- **Goals and Objectives = Guide for Developing and Evaluating Alternatives**
- **Project Team – First Cut (Tab 5)**
- **Draft Vision, Goals and Objectives considered:**
 - Results of Listening Tour and Workshops
 - Millsboro, Dagsboro, Frankford and Selbyville Comprehensive Plans
 - Sussex County Comprehensive Plan
 - Sussex County Long Range Transportation Plan
 - DelDOT's Long Range Transportation Plan
 - Delaware's Strategies for State Policies and Spending
 - Livable Delaware Initiatives



Traffic & Safety – Community – Environmental & Land Use



"MATE" Environmental Streamlining Process

1. Transportation Planning (Started)
2. Scoping
3. Purpose and Need
4. Alternatives Development
5. Detailed Alternatives Analysis and Draft Environmental Document
6. Identification of Preferred Alternative and Conceptual Mitigation Plan
7. Final Environmental Document
8. Record of Decision
9. Project Design and Final Minimization and Mitigation Coordination
10. Final Permit Decision
11. Project Implementation and Monitoring

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| Effort | 1 Transportation Planning Early coordination / information sharing with agencies, balance purpose / need with impacts to Community / environment, provides Consistency between land use / transportation. |
| Products | Completed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sussex County North-South Transportation Feasibility Study (Presented to JPR, DNREC and SHPO) Sussex County Long Range Transportation Plan (State, County and Federal Agencies involved during plan development) Sussex County Comprehensive Land Use Plan (State Agencies involved during plan development process)) |
| Effort | 2 Scoping <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agency Consultation / Roles, Critical Issues, Permits, Assessment Methodologies, Consulting Parties (Section 106), Listening Tour / Identify / Organize Community Information & Involvement, Secure and Evaluate Traffic, Safety, Environmental Resources, Land Use Data. Review range of alternatives from original study |
| Products | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understanding of US 113 Project Identification of Immediate Operational Improvements |

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| Effort | 3 Project Purpose and Need <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop Draft Purpose and Need – with Agency and Public Input and Comments Request Agency Concurrence in Purpose and Need Continue Environmental Inventory |
| Products | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved Purpose and Need Document Criteria to Develop and Evaluate Alternatives (Goals and Objectives) Define 404 Purpose (Corps of Engineers) Identify / Review Cultural Resources in Corridor |
| Effort | 4 Alternatives Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop full-range of improvement concepts Identify avoidance, minimization, mitigation measures Define Area of Potential Effects Preliminary Assessment of Effects Develop Stakeholder Consensus Narrow Range of Alternatives using criteria developed in Step 3 |
| Products | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improvement Concepts for US 113 corridor and Assessment of Effects Improvement Concepts recommended in Detailed Analysis Possible "breakout" of short-term improvements – careful with compatibility with mid- and long-term improvements – accelerate to Steps 6-11 |







CTP Projects

DelDOT's Capital Transportation Program is the capital spending plan for the next six years. The current plan for Fiscal Years '04 to '09 will be updated in Summer 2004. This program supports the Governor's Livable Delaware initiative and fulfills DelDOT's mission:

To provide a safe, efficient and environmentally sensitive transportation network that offers a variety of convenient and cost-effective choices for the movement of people and goods.

This program is grouped into four major funding categories:

-  **Road System** (improvements to the state's roads and bridges)
-  **Grants and Allocations** (includes *Municipal Street Aid Fund* allocated to all 57 municipalities in the state for a variety of maintenance work and the *Community Transportation Fund* allocated by legislators for various projects in their districts)
-  **Transit System** (investments in transit services including buses, rail rolling stock, maintenance and other facilities, transit shelters and other assets supporting all modes of operation)
-  **Support Systems** (all other investments in transportation network including facilities, equipment, information systems, etc.)

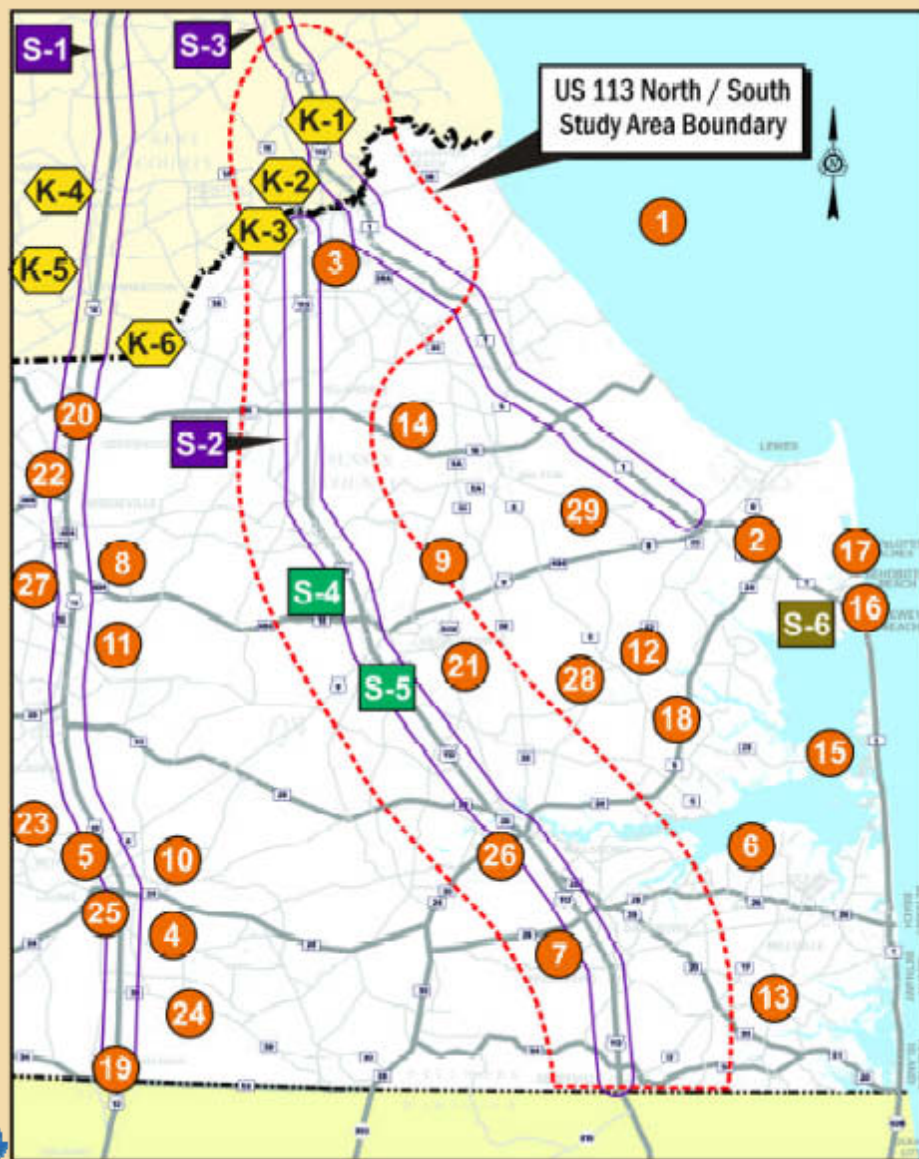
The Fiscal Year '04 – '09 CTP includes over \$376 Million for Southern Kent and Sussex Counties

Statewide Programs

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| S-1 | US 13 Corridor Capacity Preservation, Camden to Delaware / Maryland State Line | | |
| S-2 | US 113 Corridor Capacity Preservation, Milford to Delaware / Maryland State Line | | |
| S-3 | SR 1, Corridor Capacity Preservation, Dover AFB to South of Nassau | | |
| S-4 | Del. Tech, Georgetown, SR 18, Bikeway - Under Construction | | |
| S-5 | Georgetown Ped. and Bike Plan | - Planning - Underway | - Implementation - Pending |
| S-6 | SR 1, Dewey Beach Pedestrian Plan, Saulsbury Rd. south | - Planning - Complete | - Implementation - Pending |



CTP Projects



Southern Kent County Projects — Estimated Cost - \$22,890,000

- K-1** SR 1, Thompsonville Interchange- Project Development - **Underway** - R/W- Pending - Implementation- Pending
- K-2** US 113, Milford - Curbing, Gutter and Landscaping
- K-3** SR 15, Airport Road to Holly Hill Road, Milford
- K-4** Harrington Truck Route
- K-5** BR 2-113B and BR 2-113C on Cattail Branch Road
- K-6** BR 2-118A on Coon Den Road over Nanticoke River

Sussex County Projects — Estimated Cost - \$353,463,500

- 1** US 113 North / South Study
- 2** Route 1, Deech Area Improvements, Various Projects
- 3** SR 1, SR 30 Interchange, S. of Milford
- 4** US 13 and 5462 Signal Removal and Service Road, East of Laurel
- 5** US 13 and 5468 Service Road Entrance Closure, North of Laurel
- 6** SR 26, US 113 to Assawoman Bay, Various Projects
- 7** S401, Clayton Avenue, Frankford
- 8** US 13, Bridgeville Service Roads and Intersection Improvements
- 9** US 9 and Airport Road Realignment, Georgetown
- 10** US 13, Laurel Intersections Improvements
- 11** US 13, Seaford Intersection Improvements
- 12** SR 24, SR 30 to SR 1, Various Projects, Transit Service Expansion
- 13** SR 54, US 113 to 558G, Various Projects, Transit Service Expansion
- 14** Milton Truck Bypass, SR 5 to SR 30
- 15** Indian River Bridge and Area Improvements
- 16** Rehoboth Avenue Improvements - **Under Construction**
- 17** SR 1, Dewey Beach to Lewes and Rehoboth Canal, Imp. - **Under Construction**
- 18** SR 24 and SR 9 Intersection, Northeast of Millsboro - **Under Construction**
- 19** US 13, Delmar Service Road - **Under Construction**
- 20** US 13, Greenwood Service Road
- 21** Park Avenue, Georgetown
- 22** BR 3-141 on 6583 over Polk Branch, North of Bridgeville
- 23** BR 3-210 on 5487 over Gum Branch
- 24** BR 3-328 on 5424 over Higgs Branch, East of Delmar
- 25** BR 3-330 on Oak Lane over Russakatum Branch, Laurel
- 26** BR 3-520 and BR 3-527 on US 113 over Betts Pond, Millsboro - **Under Construction**
- 27** BR 3-122 on Handy Road over Houston Branch
- 28** Rail Preservation, Georgetown to Lewes
- 29** Sussex County East/West Improvements, Various Projects-Project Development - **Underway**

Preliminary Study Schedule – Millsboro-South

Area

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| PROJECT UNDERSTANDING | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Project Scoping | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Base Data Acquisition Synthesis / Analysis | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Preliminary Traffic Modeling (Summer and Year Round Peak Projections) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Natural and Cultural Resource Inventory (GIS Database Information) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ALTERNATIVES DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Develop Options (Traffic Studies / Land Use / Environmental Resources) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Refine Options / Assess Impact / Preliminary Estimates | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Determine Alternatives to be Studied in Detail | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Detailed Traffic Analysis / Detailed Resource Analysis / Alternative Refinement | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Preferred Alternative / Quantify Impacts / Mitigation | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Millsboro South Working Group (Approximate) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Public Information Workshops (Approximate) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Individual Public Outreach Efforts (As Required) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| RESOURCE AGENCY INVOLVEMENT | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Agency Coordination / Review Meetings | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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Second Working Group Meeting

- **Date: March 10, 2004**
- **Location: Millsboro Volunteer Fire Company
Banquet Hall**



Project Web Site: www.deldot.net/static/projects/us113

